

MEAT TRUST WILL FIGHT BOYCOTT

Packers Are Preparing to Restrict the Supply.

STIFFEN UP THE PRICE OF MEAT

An Endless Chain of Postal Protests to the President Has Been Started by New York Women's Club.

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—Leaders in the meat trust boycott here will lay before the different unions the matter of joining the endless chain of postal card protests to President Taft, asking him to smash the meat trust.

The endless chain was started recently in New York by Mrs. Anca Confort Brooks, president of the Gotham club, who has already sent 1,000 letters to the president and ask all their friends to do the same.

It is thought the movement will spread to Kansas City and all the other western towns which have taken an active interest in the boycott.

Labor leaders are saying now that the meat trust has prepared to fight the boycott and possibly force the price of meat even higher. It is said that many meat dealers have received circular letters, advising them to "stiffen up the price of meat and fight back."

Advices from New York say that, while hotel men deny they have reduced their daily orders for fresh meat, they will admit they have found many more customers who take a daily vegetable diet.

The West Side Anti-Meat league of New York has pasted up 40,000 big posters, all over the fashionable district, urging people to abstain from meat until the price is reduced.

From present indications the meat trust has its "back up" and is going to fight the boycotters just as hard as the boycotters fight the trust. The trust's method will be simple. It will reduce the killing in its Kansas City, Chicago, Indianapolis and other western plants, curtail the shipments of dressed meat, and then raise the price on the grounds of a "shortage" in supplies. Meat dealers declare there is a mutual understanding between all the big packers in this matter.

The program of the packers is said to be to add one cent a pound to their price of all grades, and leave the retailer to fight it out with his customers.

A TAX ON THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

In Future If You Need a Pilot to Get Out of Kansas City Depot You Must Pay.

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—The Kansas City Depot association has put on 25 men-salaried ushers, who will earn their living by the tips they receive.

The ushers have always been a necessity at the Union depot because of conditions which are confusing even to the most experienced travelers. The ushers who have been employed there acted in the capacities of train directors, ushers, janitors and bureau of information. They receive \$45 a month salary.

Under the new rule the ushers will receive no salary. They expect to earn their living from the traveling public. They will want a tip of a quarter for carrying a grip 25 yards to the train, etc.

The Union Depot association expects to save \$250 a month by this change of plan.

ENGLISH LABOR EXCHANGES

The New System Will be Opened at Once Without Ceremony—Not a Charity.

London, Feb. 1.—The inauguration of the new system of national labor exchanges, created by the Liberal government as a preliminary step in dealing with the unemployment problem, will take place when exchanges are opened throughout the country without formal ceremony. Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade, who is responsible for the bill providing for the exchange, will make a tour of those established in London. One hundred exchanges will be started in February, and 150 more during the next six months. Their object is neither charity nor relief, but only to serve to bring men desiring work in touch with employers wanting labor.

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 1.—General Heston, General Maturity and 100 of the provisional troops called on the Missouri Omnipotent, Pioneer and Blaine for a joint north of Graytown, where 700 of the government troops are expected to be intramural.

Cooper Indictments Stand.

New York, Jan. 25.—Judge Hough in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court, denied the motion to quash the indictments against Sanford Robinson, Arthur P. Haines, Charles Wardell, Calvin O. Gear and E. Augustus Helms.

For the Beef Trust Inquiry. Jefferson City, Jan. 25.—Attorney General Major will confer to-day with Judge Daniel Dillon of St. Louis, special examiner in the meat trust probe with respect to the date of the first hearing.

TAKING THE DILEMMA BY BOTH HORNS—AND THE TAIL



KANSAS DAY CLUB BANQUET

FACTIONAL STRIFE SHOWED STRONG AT MEETING.

Reactionaries Control Business Meeting and Vote Down Resolution Indorsing Administration.

Topeka, Jan. 31.—Kansas Republicans observed Kansas day with a banquet at the Masonic temple. Leading Republicans from every county in the state were present. It was the forty-ninth birthday anniversary of the state and the speakers, one and all, sung her praises to the skies. More than usual animation ran through the whole proceedings, from the election of officers of the Kansas Day club in the afternoon to the last number on the banquet program, on account of the political lines drawn by the two factions. While most of the speeches were tempered to the occasion, nearly every one contained some reference to one faction or the other.

More than 600 tickets were issued for the banquet. All the speeches were by Republicans except that by Prof. H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural college. Prof. Waters is a Missouri Democrat. The men who selected the speakers some months ago forgot that and announced him as one of the speakers. When they discovered their mistake their first thought was to undo their action. Later they decided to stand pat and assigned to Prof. Waters the appropriate and unpolitical subject of the meat boycott.

In a sensational business meeting replete with cheering, hissing and bitter factional quarrels, the Kansas Square Dealers were during the afternoon crushed by the Republican regulars.

The climax was reached when a resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing the administration of President Taft, and a resolution to indorse the administration of Gov. W. R. Snodgrass introduced by Attorney General Jackson was voted down by a big majority.

ARE TRAINING NEWSPAPER MEN

Kansas Agricultural College Seeks to Turn Out Men Capable of Doing All Work.

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 31.—While other colleges and universities throughout the country are training men to be "journalists," the Kansas State Agricultural college here is training its students to be practical newspaper men; men who can do anything about a newspaper office from cutting paper to writing editorials. The intention here is to fit men for the country newspaper field, a matter which is said to have been overlooked heretofore.

The course offered by the college is so arranged that a student will be taught to pull a proof, set an "ad," feed a press, cut stock and do everything about his plan in a mechanical line. At the same time he will be taught to turn in copy, read proof and manage his establishment from beginning to end. He also will be taught the work in the job department of a country office, what to buy and how to buy it.

Killed by Train Near Wales, Mo.

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—John T. Bartlett, head of the Bartlett Structural Steel company, with office in the Helst building, was run down and killed near Wales, Mo., by a westbound Union Pacific passenger train. The body was brought to the Union depot by the train crew.

Chillicothe Light Suit February 19.

Chillicothe, Mo., Feb. 1.—The injunction suit brought by the People's Gas and Electric Light company against Chillicothe to restrain the city from registering the \$50,000 in bonds voted December 23 for an electric light plant with the state auditor was set for trial in the Livingston county circuit court for February 19.

THEY EXPLAINED TO JUDGE LANDIS

An Emissary From Washington Smoothed Things With the Jurist.

REMOVED CAUSE OF FRICTION

The Attorney General's Assistants Now Working in Harmony With Court—Armour Car Business Included.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—With the judicial and executive branches working in harmony, the government forces presented a united front when the grand jury investigation to determine whether the Chicago packers are violating the anti-trust law was resumed. The absence of friction was the result of the interview between assistant to the attorney general Wade N. Ellis and Judge Landis on Thursday, at which these misunderstandings between the jurist and the Washington officials were removed.

The substance of the interview was found to have been in the nature of an explanation to Judge Landis from the department as to why the news that the inquiry was to be taken up was given out at Washington the next day after Judge Landis had ordered District Attorney Sims to proceed with it. Mr. Ellis' statement was not exactly an apology, but it was the next thing to it.

The action of "certain governmental functionaries," in making the subject of the investigation public, Judge Landis said in his instructions to the jury was a matter of "profound regret."

Mr. Ellis explained that the department at Washington had had no desire to withhold from Judge Landis the credit for having ordered the investigation. He added that the department for several months past had been investigating the fresh meat industry with a view to possible action either criminally or civilly, that the grand jury inquiry was in line with the department work, and that inasmuch as the attorney general is specifically charged with enforcement of the anti-trust statute and that the question of the existence of a "beef trust" is of nation-wide importance. For all these reasons the department of justice had felt the proposed inquiry was within the scope of its jurisdiction, and with no intention of intruding or work undertaken by Judge Landis, had assumed to make the move public.

The full co-operation of the department of justice in carrying on the investigation was promised.

Ralph Crews, general counsel for the National Packing company, and George Robbins, a director of Armour & Co., and president of the Armour car lines were questioned before the grand jury. Mr. Crews was on the witness stand for an hour and then an adjournment was taken because of his failure to bring certain books and documents the government wanted. He explained to the jurors the records were being sought by clerks and he expected to be able to produce them on Monday.

The calling of Mr. Robbins was taken to mean that the grand jury will inquire into the big Armour refrigerator car business. Some of the chief officers of the National Packing company have been subpoenaed, including Samuel B. Patterson, first vice-president and F. T. Fuller, second vice-president.

WANT STATE GAME PRESERVE

Missouri Land and Industrial Congress Makes Recommendation to the Next Legislature.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 29.—By resolution the Missouri Land and Industrial Congress advocated a Missouri

state park and game preserve where the native fish, birds and mammals may be protected. A recommendation to that effect was made to the next legislature. Other recommendations to the legislature were for a permanent and adequate fund for the state university, so it would not have to depend upon capricious appropriations, and for a quarantine law to prevent importations of diseased live stock. The congress asked each county of the state to organize auxiliary immigration associations.

WORLD INDICTMENT QUASHED

NEW YORK PAPER WAS ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Roosevelt, Taft and Others Were Concerned—Believed to Finally Dispose of the Case.

New York, Jan. 27.—Judge Hough, in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court quashed the indictment against the New York World on trial for an alleged libel on ex-President Roosevelt, President Taft, Douglas Robinson, Charles P. Taft and William Nelson Cromwell.

The charge upon which the indictment was based was that in a series of news stories published by the World toward the close of the last presidential campaign on the purchase by the government of the French Panama canal company, the imputation was made that Mr. Roosevelt then president and President Taft, then secretary of war had given advance information to Mr. Robinson, the ex-president's brother-in-law, and Charles P. Taft, brother of the president, of that transaction, whereby they and other persons interested were enabled to make a large amount of money.

While Judge Hough's action is believed to dispose finally of the case still he worded his decision so as to encourage the government to appeal to the United States supreme court in order that the strictly legal issues involved might be passed upon. United States District Attorney Henry A. Wise, who conducted the prosecution for the government, declined to say whether or not he would take an appeal. Attorney General Wickensham declined in Washington to discuss the decision.

The indictment was thrown out on the ground of lack of jurisdiction of the court and for other reasons which Judge Hough announced would be stated in a memorandum to be filed later.

TO ENFORCE FEDERAL LAWS

President Taft Calls Revenue Collector Simpson to Washington for Personal Instructions.

Topeka, Jan. 27.—As a result of the recent conference between President Taft and Gov. Stubbs over the liquor situation in Kansas, Internal Revenue Collector James M. Simpson has been called to Washington to receive some additional instructions. The governor, who returned from the East, said the president had signified his intention of calling both Simpson and District Attorney Bone to Washington. But Mr. Bone is here and says he has received no instructions to come. Simpson is now on his way.

"President Taft is absolutely right on the whisky question," said the governor. "He wants the federal law enforced to the very letter, and proposes to see that it is. He has been led to believe that the state is not enforcing its own liquor laws, and for that reason it was difficult to enforce the federal law strictly; that juries will not convict in Kansas, etc. When I showed him that no effort has been made to bring the violators of the federal law to trial he expressed surprise and said he would send for the officials at once and find out why, and also give them instructions to get busy."

AN OKLAHOMA INVESTIGATION

A Legislative Committee is Looking Into State Expenditures and Other Transactions of State Officers.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 27.—The committee named by the state legislature to investigate the expenditures of the state government is now ready for business. Charges may be offered only by members of the legislature or state officials, who must make affidavit that they have personal knowledge of things complained of. The purpose of this is said to be for the prevention of loading the committee with tattle and gossip. It is practically a certainty that the affairs of the defunct Columbia Bank and Trust company of Oklahoma City will be dragged before the committee. For months rumors have been made through the state that certain state officials have had improper dealings with this bank and with officers of this bank.

Murray Would be Governor.

Tishomingo, Ok., Feb. 2.—William H. Murray (Alfalfa Bill, president of the Constitutional convention and speaker of the first house of representatives, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor.

A Decrease in Taxes From Brewers.

Jefferson City, Feb. 2.—During the month of January the taxes collected from brewers by the state beer inspector amounted to \$14,408.16. This shows a decrease from the collections for December, 1915, of \$4,578.31.

POISON WAS FOUND IN SWOPE CASE

Chemists Report Sufficient Strychnine to Cause Death.

OTHERS HAD DIED IN FAMILY

Dr. Hyde a Relative and Beneficiary Under the Will Files Suits Aggregating \$700,000 for Damages for Slander.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—According to a report given out here the chemists who have made an examination find that Thomas H. Swope the Kansas City millionaire and philanthropist died from the effects of strychnine poisoning. The chemical analysis was made by Dr. Hektoen, Dr. Haines and Dr. Vaughan.

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—The report of Chicago chemists showing that an analysis of the stomach of Thomas H. Swope who was supposed to have died from apoplexy may have died from the effects of strychnine has caused much comment here. No report was made of the analysis of the stomach of Chrisman Swope who died soon after the death of Thomas H. Swope from apparently the same cause.

The result of the investigation into the causes of the death of the elder Swope and his nephew will be the basis of criminal prosecution, according to Prosecuting Attorney Virgil Conkling, in which the definite finding that poison caused the death of Col. Swope will play an important part.

Prosecuting Attorney Conkling is in Chicago in company with Attorney John G. Paxton, administrator of the Swope estate, and the Kansas City coroner. The result of the chemical analysis was made public by Mr. Paxton, to whom it was given by the physicians.

Suit for \$100,000 damages was filed at the circuit court at Independence by Dr. Bennet Clark Hyde against John G. Paxton, the executor of the Swope estate, who has been conducting the investigation in what has become known as the Swope poisoning case.

Dr. Hyde is the husband of Frances Hyde, a daughter of Mrs. Logan Swope, and a beneficiary under the will of Col. Thomas H. Swope. The Hydes live at 3516 Forest avenue.

Dr. Hyde asks for \$50,000 actual damages and \$50,000 punitive damages.

In his suit filed, Dr. Hyde states that John G. Paxton, January 15 last, maliciously, willfully and wickedly slandered him with the intent to impoverish him, to wholly ruin him and to either have him hanged or sent to the penitentiary for murder.

The statement which Dr. Hyde alleges was made by Mr. Paxton is as follows:

"I believe the Swope were poisoned by Dr. Hyde and that he caused their deaths. I believe he inoculated every member of the Swope family and caused them to contract typhoid fever. I believe he attempted to poison Margaret Swope and Lucy Lee Swope and that he murdered Thomas H. Swope and Chrisman Swope."

Dr. Hyde alleges that this statement was made by Paxton in the presence of a number of newspaper men, among them Charles A. Bonfils and A. B. McDonald of The Kansas City Post; Henry Haskel, Courtney Cooper and George B. Logan, of the Kansas City Star, and Ceibe Cline of the Kansas City Journal.

Suits in amounts aggregating \$60,000 were filed also against the Pulitzer Publishing company, publishers of the Post-Dispatch, St. Louis; Dr. Frank J. Hall and D. E. L. Stewart.

WILL ASK RATE CASE ADVANCED

Attorney General Major Will Ask Supreme Court to Set Hearing in April.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Attorney General Major will file a motion before the United States supreme court at Washington to advance the Missouri rate litigation and set it down for argument April 4, or as near this date as may please the court. It is evident that these cases can not be reached at the present sitting of the tribunal, but can be called at the April sitting. These involve the two-cent passenger fare act and four acts of the legislature regulating freight rates. All these acts have been suspended by injunctions issued by the federal court at Kansas City.

Dr. Wiley Hall "Pained the Diamonds." Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—At the request of both sides the hearing before Magistrate Kirby, in the case of Dr. C. C. Wiley, the Harry K. Thaw alien, charged with embezzling the diamonds of Miss Dora Pedder, was postponed for 24 hours. It is understood that the hearing will not take place at all, that Dr. Wiley, who admits having "borrowed" the \$1,400 worth of diamonds from Miss Pedder two years ago, will raise enough money to redeem them from the Pittsburg pawnshops where they were discovered.

Injured in a Missouri Fire.

Charleston, Mo., Feb. 1.—The arm of John Shively, living near Wyatt, was dangerously injured in a fire which destroyed his father's house.

PEARY ORDERED ON NAVAL DUTY

This Will Seriously Interfere With Plans to Recp the Rewards of His Polar Work.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Commander Robert E. Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole, has completed his tidal and other observations made for the coast and geodetic survey in the arctic regions and has been ordered to report to the navy department for assignment to regular duty.

New York, Feb. 1.—If Commander Peary resumes his duties in the navy department it will seriously interfere with plans that have been made for testimonials in his behalf and with his arrangements to sail for Europe April 27. His friends here therefore expressed surprise on learning that he had been ordered to report for duty.

KANSAS CANNOT TAX PULLMAN

Supreme Court Decides in Favor of the Car Company in Ouster Suit Brought by State.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The United States supreme court handed down a decision in favor of the Pullman company in the case of that company against the state of Kansas in which the state sought to oust the Pullman company from doing business in Kansas because of its failure to pay taxes. The case was similar to that of the Western University Telegraph company against the state of Kansas recently decided in favor of the Western Union.

JUDGE LOVETT FILED THE BRIEFS

In Which Are Set Forth Reasons for Dismissing Harriman Merger Suits.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Attorney General Wickensham took up for consideration the brief filed with him by Judge Lovett, of the Harriman lines, in which are set forth the reasons why it is believed the government should dismiss the action for the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger. It is learned that there is nothing in the brief that has not already been submitted to the administration by the oral arguments of counsel for the Union Pacific.

The attorney general declined to make any comment on the brief or to forecast in any way the recommendations that he will make to the president in the matter.

PACKERS WILL GO TO CAPITAL

All the Big Ones Will be Called to Jefferson City by Attorney General Major.

Jefferson City, Jan. 28.—Attorney General Major said that most of the witnesses who will be examined in the proceedings against big packing companies will be called here. He expects to be ready to start this investigation within the next ten days.

All the big packers will be called upon to testify. They will first be notified through their attorney, Frank Hagerman of Kansas City, to appear at given dates. If any of them fail to do so without valid reasons therefore, the attorney general will apply to the supreme court for a process to bring them here, or in the event they cannot be found, to adjudge them guilty of all the acts charged in the information.

MAKE LAND SHOW PERMANENT

Springfield Plans to Build a Structure Especially for the Annual Events.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 31.—Following the close of the Missouri Land and Industrial congress, it was announced by Springfield business men that a building would be erected for the purpose of holding further sessions of the congress, which will be made an annual event. An auditorium with sufficient space for exhibits is planned. Many of the exhibits were donated by their owners to local charitable institutions. These gifts included mainly grains and fruits.

Improving their Telephone Language.

Copenhagen, Jan. 31.—Exasperated telephone users who have been using harsh language to the telephone girls have been brought to book by the telephone administration. A gramophone apparatus has been installed in the central exchange, on which all unseemly language is recorded. Offenders are summoned to the director's office. When they deny the charge they are convicted by an exact reproduction in their own voices of their harsh remarks. Telephone manners and language in Copenhagen are now greatly improved.

Burned to Death in Her Home.

Rayville, Mo., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Irene Heath was burned to death in her home northwest of town. Mrs. Heath and her grandson, 14 years old, had been living there alone for a number of years, her husband having died several years ago. She was 73 years old.

Panama Bonds Made Available.

Washington, Feb. 1.—To make available the Panama bonds and certificates of indebtedness authorized by the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, the house passed a joint resolution amending that law. The resolution makes the principal of the bonds payable in gold and exempts the certificates from taxation.